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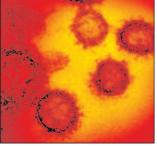




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Court rejects Trump bid to end immigrants' protections



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Above and below: Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals students celebrate in front of the U.S. Supreme Court after the Supreme Court rejects President Donald Trump's bid to end legal protections for young immigrants Thursday in Washington.

BY MARK SHERMAN THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

he Supreme Court on Thursday rejected President Donald Trump's effort to end legal protections for 650,000 young immigrants, the second stunning electionseason rebuke from the court in a week after its ruling that it's illegal to fire people because they're gay or transgender.

Immigrants who are part of the 8-year-old Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program will retain their protection from deportation and their authorization to work in the United States - safe almost certainly at least through the Novemb gration experts said.



Schools will reopen in the fall, **TEA** says

Parents have option to keep children home

BY JIM VERTUNO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Texas schools will be safe for students to return to in the fall, the state's education commissioner predicted Thursday despite the recent spike in coronavirus cases and hospitalizations in the state.

Parents who aren't comfortable sending their kids back to school will be allowed to keep them home under Education Commissioner Mike Morath's return-tocampus plan, which will be updated next week with more guidance for school districts on how it will work. The state will not require students and teachers to wear masks, but districts will be able to make their own rules on face coverings, an agency spokeswoman said.

"It will be safe for Texas public school students, teachers, and staff to return to school campuses for in-person instruction this fall," Morath said. "But there will also be flexibility for families with health concerns so that their children can be educated remotely, if the parent so chooses.

Republican Gov. Greg Abbott ordered schools closed March 19, sending more than 5 million students into distance-learning programs to finish the spring semester and canceling standardized testing. Abbott

MURAL DEFACED

The George Floyd Mural in downtown Brownsville by local artist Marcus Castro has been vandalized after just a little over two weeks since it was painted.

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A petition out of San Antonio signed by thousands of Texas residents is calling on H-E-B supermarkets to require customers to wear face masks when shopping in its stores.

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Dreamers react to Supreme Court decision

BY ERIN SHERIDAN STAFF WRITER

The Supreme Court ruled on Thursday Trump against the administration's decision to rescind the Deferred Action for

Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program in a huge victory for Dreamers across the country. The decision is not permanent but is a huge leap forward in the fight to give the esti-mated 650,000 recipi-

ents nationwide permanent legal status.

The decision means Dreamers can continue to renew their status every two years, will be eligible to work, to obtain drivers' licenses, and are protected from

deportation - basic rights that DACA recipients in Texas say opened up a world of opportunity to contribute to society in ways that benefit everyone.

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allowed districts to hold inperson summer school courses with strict social distancing guidelines, but only a few have chosen to do so.

Since Memorial Day, Texas has set record highs in daily confirmed cases of COVID-19 and hospitalizations from the disease caused by the coronavirus. The trend continued Thursday, when it reported a 2,947 hospitalizations — a new high for the 11th time in 12 days — and 3,516 new cases, which was a record for the third straight day.

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Decline in U.S. virus deaths may be temporary reprieve

BY CARLA K. JOHNSON **AND NICKY FORSTER** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The number of deaths per day from the coronavirus in the U.S. has fallen in recent weeks to the lowest level since late March, even states increasingly as reopen for business. But scientists are deeply afraid the trend may be about to reverse itself.

"For now, it's too soon to be reassured that deaths are going down and everything's OK," said Dr. Cyrus Shahpar of Resolve to Save Lives, a nonprofit organization that works to prevent epidemics. Deaths from COVID-19

across the country are down to about 680 a day, compared with around 960 two weeks ago, according to an Associated Press analysis of data compiled by Johns Hopkins University. The analysis looked at a sevenday rolling average of deaths through Wednesday.

A multitude of reasons are believed to be at play, including the advent of effective treatments and improved efforts at hospitals and nursing homes to prevent infections and save lives.

But already there are warning signs.

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For one thing, the number of newly confirmed cases per day has risen from about 21,400 two weeks ago to 23,200, the AP analysis found.

And in Florida, Georgia, Texas and Arizona - states that loosened their stay-athome restrictions early daily deaths have been quietly rising since early June, said Ali Mokdad, professor of health metrics sciences at the University of Washington in Seattle.

"These are not numbers. These are human beings," Mokdad said. "We're going to see a rise in deaths in many places in the United States.

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Signs remind patrons to wear masks and other protocols because of the coronavirus pandemic as they stroll through the Disney Springs shopping, dining and entertainment complex Tuesday in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

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